Production of silk by CSB on contact

†1643. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Silk Board propose to start contract farming to boost up sowing of popular types of silk on the pattern of multinational companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the places of various States, particularly Andhra Pradesh where this farming is likely to be undertaken;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the silk manufactures are protesting against the contract farming of silk; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Central Silk Board has no commercial operations but it would encourage strengthening of linkages between producers and the indsutry in line with the National Textile Policy, 2000, and in this regard facilitate corporates or large reelers in contract farming so as to help farmers to get remunerative and stable prices.

(b) So far, there is no information about any large unit having entered into any contract farming arrangements with farmers.

(c) Does not arise.

Export of textiles goods

1644. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of exports of textiles;

(b) the foreign exchange earned by exporting textiles during the last three years;

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